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1. MINISTER OF INFORMATION DAOUDA SOW ISSUED FOLLOWING
STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF SENEGALESE GOVERNMENT ON JUNE 9,
WHICH IT LABELED AS BEGIN UNDERLINE MISE AU POINT DU
GOUVERNEMENT: END UNDERLINE

IN THE FACE OF PRESS DISPATCHES WHICH DISSEMINATE AND
COMMENT WITH INSISTENCE UPON A PAIGC COMMUNIQUE
ACCORDING TO WHICH TWO SHIPS LOADED WITH MERCENARIES
LEFT FOR BISSAU AND THAT THESE MERCENARIES WERE
RECRUITED FROM DAKAR, DESCRIBED AS A REFUGE OF TRAITORS
AND NOTORIOUS OPPORTUNISTS, THE SENEGALESE GOVERNMENT,
BOTH SURPRISED AND INDIGNANT, IS ANXIOUS TO PUT FORTH A
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CATEGORIC DENIAL, AS FOLLOWS.

NO MERCENARIES EXIST IN DAKAR OR AT ANY POINT WITHIN THE NATIONAL TERRITORY. CONSEQUENTLY, IT IS ABSURD TO ADVANCE THE IDEA THAT MERCENARIES COULD REACH BISSAU BY SEA, AIR OR LAND FROM SENEGAL. THAT IDEA IS EVEN MORE ABSURD, IN THAT ALL OBSERVERS OF GOOD FAITH CAN ATTEST THAT SENEGAL POSSESSES A GOVERNMENT WHICH GOVERNS, AND AN ADMINISTRATION WHICH CONTROLS, (BEGIN UNDERLINE ITS TERRITORY) END UNDERLINE WITH EFFICIENCY.

THE FACT THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF GUINEA-BISSAU HAS DIFFUSED SUCH INFORMATION BY COMMUNIQUE WITHOUT PRIOR CONSULTATION WITH THE SENEGALESE, GOVERNMENT, DOES NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE TREATY OF AMITY AND COOPERATION WHICH LINKS OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

A PRELIMINARY CONTACT COULD HAVE AVOIDED THE DISSEMINATION, WITHOUT VERIFICATION, OF SUCH INFORMATION WHICH CLEARLY ARISES FROM THE HABITUAL POISON ORCHESTRATED BY THOSE WHO HAVE ALWAYS BEEN THE ENEMIES OF PEACE, HENCE, OF THE REAL INDEPENDENCE OF GUINEA-BISSAU FROM ALL IMPERIALISM.

THE SENEGALESE GOVERNMENT CANNOT HELP BUT MAKE CLEAR THAT IT WOULD BE AN INCONSISTENCY ON ITS PART, AFTER SO MUCH EFFORT EXPENDED OVER LONG YEARS IN FAVOR OF THE PAIGC, THAT IT COULD FAVOR, EVEN TOLERATE, SUCH ACTS ON ITS TERRITORY.

THE SENEGALESE GOVERNMENT REAFFIRMS WITH FORCE AND VIGOR ITS DETERMINATION TO CONTINUE TO BRING, IN DISINTERESTED FASHION - WHICH IS NOT THE CASE WITH EVERYBODY - ITS TOTAL SUPPORT TO THE INDEPENDENT REPUBLIC OF GUINEA-BISSAU AND TO THE PAIGC, BUT IT DENOUNCES THE LACK OF SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH SUCH ACCUSATIONS WERE FORMULATED.

THE SENEGALESE GOVERNMENT WARNS THE PAIGC AGAINST FISHERS IN TROUBLED WATERS AND PROFESSIONALS OF SUBVERSION WHOSE ONLY OBJECTIVE IS THE DETERIORATION OF THE RELATIONS OF FRATERNAL COOPERATION AND THE CLIMATE OF FRIENDSHIP WHICH UNCLASSIFIED

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HAVE ALWAYS EXISTED BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

THE SENEGALESE GOVERNMENT SOLEMNLY REAFFIRMS ITS POLICY OF AID AND SUPPORT TO ALL PEOPLES WHO STRUGGLE FOR THEIR INDEPENDENCE, PARTICULARLY TO THE BROTHER PEOPLE OF THE REPUBLIC OF GUINEA-BISSAU AND TO THE MILITANTS OF THE PAIGC.

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